AMENDED EXHIBIT 1 to Declaration of Angelo A. Stio III

(with redactions)

In the Matter Of:

In re: Daniel's Law Compliance Litigation

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1	Q. And when you say discovery requests and
2	searches, was that related to finding documents?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. Anything else?
5	A. I spoke to them about things beyond
6	that, but sorry. I am not sure I totally
7	understand the question.
8	Q. Sure. You said that you spoke to them
9	about discovery requests and I think we said it's
LO	document requests, but was there any other type of
L1	requests that you spoke to them about with regards
L2	to this litigation?
L3	A. My understanding is that my role at a
L 4	30(b)(6) deposition is to speak as a
L5	representative of the company, so I spoke to them
L6	to make sure that I could fulfill that obligation,
L7	that I had an understanding of certain things they
L8	may have known or not known or done or not done so
L 9	that I could represent on behalf of the company
20	that the employees either knew something or didn't
21	know something or had done or not done something.
22	Q. Okay. In the list of employees, are
23	those all the employees that currently work at



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Atlas that you gave just now?

I believe so.

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1	Q. Okay. You also said you spoke to				
2	partners. Who are those partners?				
3	A. Just people on that same list. I would				
4	use that I use that term interchangeably,				
5	business partners and employees.				
6	Q. Do the partners have an ownership				
7	interest in Atlas?				
8	A. Yes.				
9	Q. Okay. Are the partners who have an				
10	ownership interest in Atlas the same individuals				
11	who are all employees?				
12	A. I think everyone on that list could be				
13	considered to have an ownership interest in Atlas.				
14	Q.				
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19	Q.				
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25	Q. Say that again. I'm sorry.				



1	A. Y Combinator, the startup accelerator.					
2	Q. Okay.					
3	A. Tom Kemp. And then other individuals.					
4	I don't recall exactly. I haven't looked at the					
5	cap table in a while, so I couldn't tell you who					
6	else is on there with confidence.					
7	Q. But in terms of entities, Lightspeed					
8	and Y Combinator are the two entities that are					
9	shareholders or investors in Atlas; is that					
LO	correct?					
L1	MR. LEE: Counsel, I have allowed you					
L2	to get into the background, but what does					
L3	this have to do with subject matter					
L4	jurisdiction? Is this a discovery deposition					
L5	or a					
L 6	MR. STIO: I'm getting to that.					
L7	MR. LEE: deposition limited to					
L8	subject matter jurisdiction? Please get to					
L 9	it.					
20	A. Can you repeat that last question.					
21	(Record read.)					
22	Q. Let me rephrase that.					
23	Are Lightspeed and Y Combinator the					
24	only entities that are investors in Atlas?					
25	A. There is also Share Capital that is					



1	another entity, and then some of the individual
2	angel investors may have invested through an
3	entity. I don't recall.
4	Q. Okay. Do you know the principal place
5	of business for Lightspeed Venture Partners, where
6	it's located?
7	A. I do not.
8	Q. Do you know the principal place of
9	business for Y Combinator?
LO	A. I'd be speculating. I don't.
L1	Q. Okay. Do you know the principal place
L2	of business for Share Capital?
L3	A. Again, I'd be speculating.
L 4	Q. Do you own the majority share in Atlas?
L5	A.
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20	Q.
21	A.
22	Q.
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24	A.
25	Q. Mr. Adkisson, can you give us a little



1	bit of your education background.					
2	MR. STIO: And I would like to mark a					
3	bio that was on LinkedIn. This is going to					
4	be Exhibit 1.					
5	(Atlas Exhibit 1, Matt Adkisson					
6	LinkedIn bio printout, marked for					
7	identification.)					
8	MR. PARIKH: Angelo, you are calling it					
9	Atlas 1 or just exhibit?					
LO	MR. STIO: Atlas 1.					
L1	Q. Mr. Adkisson, have you ever seen this					
L2	before, which is Atlas 1?					
L3	A. I have not.					
L4	Q. Okay. Do you have a LinkedIn account?					
L5	A. I do.					
L 6	Q. Okay. Do you have any reason to					
L7	believe that this Atlas 1 isn't a printout of your					
L8	LinkedIn account?					
L 9	A. If you would like, I can go through it.					
20	Let me let me go through it and I will make					
21	sure that it's accurate.					
22	(Document review.)					
23	A. There are certain parts of it that are					
24	obfuscated or not expanded, as I am sure you can					
25	see, but generally it seems to be accurate, yes.					



1	Q. Okay. And your undergrad degree, where				
2	is that from?				
3	A. I do not have an undergraduate degree.				
4	Q. Okay. You attended Massachusetts				
5	Institute of Technology?				
6	A. I did.				
7	Q. From what years?				
8	A. From 2001 until sometime in 2006 and I				
9	did take some time off the attendance was not				
LO	continuous. Took some time off within those time				
L1	periods.				
L2	Q. Okay. Did you attend any other				
L3	colleges?				
L 4	A. Yes.				
L5	Q. What colleges did you attend?				
L 6	A. Stanford. Brown. The Naval War				
L7	College. Harvard. I think those were the main				
L8	ones.				
L9	Q. Got it. What period of time did you				
20	attend Stanford?				
21	A. I believe it was 1998 to 1999 for one				
22	semester.				
23	Q. Was that the first college you attended				
24	after you graduated from high school?				
25	A. I did not graduate from high school.				



1	A. You would have to ask him.					
2	Q. Okay. Do you have an understanding of					
3	why Mr. Rhome left Atlas?					
4	A. You would have to ask him.					
5	Q. But I am asking you if you have an					
6	understanding. Do you know?					
7	A. My understanding is that there are					
8	parts of his departure that are covered under NDA,					
9	so I'm not sure how much I can go into, but my					
10	understanding is broadly that he no longer wanted					
11	to continue working at the company and the company					
12	wanted to go its own way.					
13	Q. Okay. Do you have an understanding of					
14	why Mr. Young left Atlas?					
15	A. I would give the same answer for					
16	Mr. Young that I gave for Mr. Rhome.					
17	Q. When Mr. Young was a co-founder of					
18	Atlas or RoundRobin, what state did he reside in?					
19	A. I believe he resided in California.					
20	Q. And when Mr. Rhome was a co-founder of					
21	Atlas, what state did he reside in?					
22	A. I believe he also resided in					
23	California.					
24	Q. And when Atlas was founded, what state					
25	did you reside in, sir?					



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1	A.			
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4	Q. Okay. You said that Atlas was			
5	previously known as RoundRobin Corporation; is			
6	that correct?			
7	A. In April of 2021 when the entity was			
8	initially incorporated, it was incorporated as			
9	RoundRobin Corporation.			
10	Q. Okay. When did it change its name?			
11	A. I don't recall the exact dates.			
12	Q. Okay.			
13	A. I think in in late 2023 or early			
14	2024 we renamed the entity to Atlas Data Privacy			
15	Corporation.			
16	Q. Why?			
17	A. We were no longer primarily using the			
18	RoundRobin brand. We were using the Atlas brand			
19	and had been using it for some time and wanted to			

- RoundRobin brand. We were using the Atlas brand and had been using it for some time and wanted to align the entity named with the primary brand that we were using in the market.
- Q. Why was the RoundRobin brand selected when you started Atlas?
- A. When Atlas started, we thought our market would be young people, Gen Z. We described



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1	ourselves as a LifeLock for Gen Z in one way and
2	we wanted a brand that was very business to
3	consumer, B to C, one that felt light, consumer
4	friendly, something that an 18- or 22-year-old
5	might engage with and find interest in, and that
6	was behind the partly behind the choice of
7	RoundRobin as the brand and the entity name.
8	Q. Okay. What was behind the change to
9	Atlas?
10	A. Over time we moved away from
11	MR. LEE: Let me just lodge an
12	objection first. Asked and answered.
13	Go ahead and answer again.
14	A. Over time we moved away from that
15	initial demographic and developed branding and
16	brands and names that we preferred.
17	Q. What was the demographic that you were

- Q. What was the demographic that you were seeking to attract with the Atlas name?
- A. I don't think Atlas was oriented towards any particular demographic the way that RoundRobin had been. I think it was simply a single word, something that we thought could become a ubiquitous brand someday, a name people liked.
 - Q. Were there any other names that



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1	RoundRobin or Atlas went by during its history,					
2	existence?					
3	A. There were.					
4	Q. What are the other names?					
5	A. CrowdShield. Derivations of Atlas, so					
6	Atlas Privacy, Atlas Protect.					
7	Q. Any others?					
8	A. Those are the ones that I can recall.					
9	Q. Okay. And who were you said "we"					
10	changed the name of RoundRobin. Who are the "we"					
11	who changed the name of RoundRobin to ultimately					
12	be Atlas?					
13	A. When I say "we" in that context, it					
14	would have it would have been a rolling					
15	discussion culminating in a consensus decision					
16	executed by outside counsel to effectuate the					
17	change.					
18	Q. So is your testimony that it was you					
19	and outside counsel and no other owners or					
20	investors in the company at that time?					
21	MR. LEE: Objection. Mischaracterizes					
22	testimony.					
23	A. That's not my testimony, no.					
24	Q. Okay. So who are the "we" other than					
25	outside counsel who were involved in the change of					



1	order and rulings on this topic. So we'll					
2	see. Thanks. Off the record.					
3	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record at					
4	11:16.					
5	(Recess was taken from 11:16 to 11:35.)					
6	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record					
7	at 11:35.					
8	(Atlas Exhibit 2, Order dated June 3,					
9	2024, marked for identification.)					
LO	BY MR. STIO:					
L1	Q. Mr. Adkisson, I want to show you what					
L2	we have marked as Atlas 2. For the record, it is					
L3	an order that the court entered on June 3rd, 2024,					
L 4	docket entry number 36 in the case number					
L5	1:24-cv-03998. Take a second to look at that.					
L 6	(Document review.)					
L7	Q. And when you are ready, if you can turn					
L8	to page 11.					
L 9	A. Okay. I'm on page 11.					
20	Q. Thank you, sir. So under Atlas 2, page					
21	11, paragraph 2, it says that: "Plaintiffs, on or					
22	before July 31, 2024, shall produce a witness					
23	under Rule 30(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil					
24	Procedure prepared to discuss the following					
25	topics." Do you see that paragraph 2, sir?					



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1	Α.	I do.	
2	Q.	Okay.	I want to go through each of the
3	topics with	n you.	Are you prepared to testify on
4	behalf of a	Atlas a	s to subparagraph (a) of Atlas 2.

- which the topic is "documents produced in response
- to this court order as long as the questions are relevant to subject matter jurisdiction"?
- 8 A. I am.

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- Q. Are you prepared and being offered to testify on behalf of Atlas with regard to topic (b), which is "Atlas's interest in the Daniel's Law rights being asserted in the actions prior to obtaining the assignments"?
- 14 A. I am.
 - Q. Are you prepared to testify on behalf of Atlas with regard to paragraph (c) of Atlas 2 on page 11, "Atlas's decision to incorporate in the State of Delaware"?
- 19 A. I am.
 - Q. Are you prepared to testify on the topic which is identified on paragraph -- subparagraph (d) of page 11, "the process for the assignments to Atlas by the Covered Persons"?
- 24 A. I am.
 - Q. Are you prepared to testify as to



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subparagraph (e), the topic on Atlas 2, "the assignments Atlas purportedly obtained from the Assignors, including but not limited to, when the assignments were obtained, how the assignments were obtained, the number of assignments obtained and communications about the assignments"?

- A. I am.
- Q. Are you prepared to testify on behalf of Atlas with regard to subparagraph (f) on page 12 of Atlas 2, the topic is "the services that Atlas provides to its users, including the Covered Persons"?
- 13 A. I am.

- Q. Are you prepared to testify on behalf of Atlas with regard to subparagraph (g) on Atlas 2, page 12, the topic "whether there was any consideration by Atlas or any discussion by Atlas with any Covered Persons regarding whether the assignments would in any way impact the jurisdiction of the courts in any of these actions"?
 - A. I am.
- Q. And are you prepared to testify on behalf of Atlas, and being offered to testify on behalf of Atlas, to subparagraph (h) on page 12,



1	the topic "any participation or interest in the
2	above-captioned actions by any purported
3	Assignor"?
4	A. I am.
5	Q. Okay. And I want to go back to page
6	11, sir, of Atlas 2. Now, page 11 also contains
7	document requests of documents that Atlas was
8	ordered to produce. Do you understand that the
9	documents that Atlas was ordered to produce start
10	on subparagraph (1), page 9, and go through
11	subparagraph (g) on page 11, sir?
12	A. Could you say again on page 9 where
13	that starts?
14	Q. Say that again, sir.
15	A. Could you say again on page 9 where the
16	list starts?
17	Q. Yes, it starts on subparagraph (1).
18	See at the top
19	A. I see here (a), (b) can I take a
20	minute to read through this list?
21	Q. Certainly.
22	(Document review.)
23	A. Okay. I've read through that list. Do
24	you mind restating the question.
25	Q. On page 11, the top of the page,



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1	paragraph (1) subparagraph (f) states that among
2	the documents that Atlas was to produce are
3	"documents in Atlas's possession concerning the
4	citizenship of any such Defendant as related to
5	subject matter jurisdiction (excluding basic
6	contact information)." See that, sir?
7	A. I do.
8	Q. Did Atlas perform a search to locate
9	documents responsive to subparagraph (f)?
10	A. We did.
11	Q. Can you describe what you did?
12	A. We searched all employee inboxes. We
13	searched our other communication platforms that we
14	use to communicate internally.
15	Q. Anything else?
16	A. I verbally asked every employee whether
17	they had any document that would be relevant to
18	this that would not come up in one of those
19	searches.
20	Q. Anything else?
21	A. I don't believe so, no.
22	Q. How did they search for documents
23	responsive to the category under subparagraph (f)
24	of Atlas 2?

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- Q. Were there communications with the named plaintiffs where they advised Atlas "I want to be a named plaintiff"?
- A. There were many people who reach out to us and we would direct them to our counsel and counsel worked out the specifics of who -- well, I won't go into that, but counsel was responsible for that area.
- Q. So you said there were many people who reached out about being a named plaintiff. Who were those many people, just any of them?
 - A. That was not my testimony.
 - Q. Okay.
- A. There were many people who reached out to us feeling very strongly that -- well, there were many people who reached out to us for many different reasons. For example, between June and December of 2023, we were dealing with about one serious incident within New Jersey per week.

 Let's define a serious incident as death threats or serious threats of violence targeted at one of



our members: A PBA officer, one of their family members, a state trooper, one of their family members, someone like that, and we would respond and help them as best we could with whatever situation they were facing. Oftentimes or sometimes there were threats that rose to the level where we wanted to refer an individual to an attorney to see if there was any additional help that could be provided, and over the course of time we directed many individuals to our counsel, and my understanding is those discussions led to certain individuals participating as named plaintiffs in the actions.

- Q. People, you said, were reaching out between June and December about serious incidents involving a user of Atlas' services; is that correct?
- A. I don't -- that's not what I said, but in that time period we were dealing with a very high volume of threat traffic directed at our individuals, our community of law enforcement and judges and prosecutors in New Jersey, and so we had a lot of opportunities to meet with people and hear their stories and in many cases would refer them to our counsel so that they would have



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1	someone that they could chat with about other
2	options. Sometimes people would just want to talk
3	and share their story and

- Q. The people you met with were users of your service; correct?
- A. Sometimes they were, sometimes they were not.
- Q. When you direct them to meet with your counsel, is that counsel representing you in these lawsuits?
- A. When people would come in, we would refer them to -- to counsel, not just our counsel, we would refer them to -- but in some cases we would introduce them to our counsel, yes.
- Q. Okay. So let's talk about who is Atlas' counsel that you would refer them to?
- A. We have a number of outside firms.

 Genova Burns, who has -- is no longer outside counsel for us, but was for a certain period of time. PEM Law. Boies Schiller. Morgan & Morgan. Perkins Coie. Holland & Hart. Maybe some
- other -- we have likely some other smaller firms
 for outside counsel. I can't recall.
 - Q. Do you recall any instance when you referred someone to one of these smaller firms



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that you can't recall?

A. No.

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- Q. You also said that during June and December 2021 Atlas would respond and help individuals who were facing serious incidents with the situation they were facing; correct?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. What services did you provide Atlas to respond?
- Α. We would try to do whatever we could to help. Sometimes that took the form of just talking with somebody, meeting with them and sharing our experiences that we had seen with other individuals who went through the same types of situations. What I have come to learn is when you are targeted as an individual, most people, even though they are very strong and stoic, certainly physically very tough in many cases in law enforcement, that it's a very difficult mental process for them to go through and their world narrows and they feel like they are in the middle of a category 5 hurricane. It's easy to lose perspective. It's easy to lose sight of the fact that the hurricane passes and moves on to target somebody else. So sometimes we would just go out

and	sit	with	people	for	а	couple	hours	and	talk
then	n th:	rough	it.						

- Q. Okay. So the services -- between June and December 2021 of serious incidents when you provided services, it included talking, meeting with people, sitting down with people, sharing experiences. Any other services that Atlas provided?
- A. We would -- we would connect them with other people who had gone through similar experiences.
 - Q. Anything else?
- A. We would in some cases help connect them with other individuals who might be able to help them, depending on whatever the fact pattern was in their case.
 - Q. Anything else?
- A. We would advise them on cybersecurity best practices, things to look out for related to identity theft.
 - Q. Anything else you can recall?

 MR. LEE: He is still trying to answer your question, sir. Just give him a second.
- A. You are asking me to go back and I want to make sure my answer is responsive.



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MR. LEE: Take your time.

- A. We had cases of doxxing in 2023 where extremist groups would target specific officers or state police and they would host their home addresses and photos of their family members on domains intended to be gathering points for violent extremists, and so we would advocate, we would use our resources and our network to reach out to the web hosts or the domain registrars in those cases to try to get those websites taken down.
 - O. Got it. Anything else?
- A. You know, we provided so many different types of what you might call help to people. I'm sure that I'm leaving some out. I'm not sure what this necessarily has to do with subject matter jurisdiction, but let me just say that we did everything we could when we would respond to an incident of an individual having been doxxed to -- or a group of individuals having been doxxed or swatted or threatened, we did everything that we thought we could do to help them navigate through that experience.
- Q. The specific items or services that you remember sitting here today you testified to;



1	correct?
2	A. Including the bit I said last, yes,
3	where I can't I'm not sure I could articulate a
4	list of every service that we provided, but we
5	our goal was we did everything we could to help
6	these individuals once they had been targeted to
7	help them get through it.
8	Q. What do you mean by everything you
9	could, I just don't understand that, what did you
LO	do when you say "everything we could"?
L1	MR. LEE: Asked and answered.
L2	A. I'm not sure I can provide much more of
L3	an answer than I already have.
L4	Q. If you go back to Atlas 2, please
L5	A. Which page?
L6	Q. Page 12, sir. You are here today with
L7	regard to subparagraph (f) on the top of Atlas 2,
L8	page 12, to testify as to the services that Atlas
L9	provides to its users including Covered Persons;
20	correct?
21	A. That's my understanding of this
22	deposition, yes.
23	(Atlas Exhibit 3, letter dated June 24,
24	2024, marked for identification.)



MR. STIO:

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Sorry about that, James.

1	didn't know it didn't get up to you.
2	MR. LEE: What's that?
3	MR. STIO: Sorry I didn't throw it far
4	enough.
5	MR. LEE: It's all good.
6	Q. I want to show you what's been marked
7	as Atlas 3. For the record, it is a June 24th,
8	2024, letter from PEM Law on letterhead from Rajiv
9	Parikh, and I will make a representation that this
10	is the format in which we received the letter.
11	MR. PARIKH: Angelo, is there another
12	page to this?
13	MR. STIO: That's why I made the
14	representation. We didn't you never sent
15	us the third page. We don't have it.
16	MS. JONAITIS: I will represent that in
17	the cases handled by Troutman
18	THE COURT REPORTER: I can't hear you.
19	MS. JONAITIS: Sorry. In the cases
20	handled by Troutman, all of the letters for
21	June 24th that said they were three pages we
22	only received pages 1 and 2.
23	MR. STIO: Raj, we also there was
24	other defendants only received 1 and 2 too.
25	We never received the third page.



1	counsel to prepare this letter?
2	MR. LEE: Objection to form. Lack of
3	foundation.
4	A. I'm not sure I understand the scope of
5	the question. If you mean did we provide some of
6	the material that would be referenced in here,
7	then the answer would be yes.
8	Q. Did you provide any information with
9	regard to on page 2
10	MR. LEE: Can I just have a standing
11	objection on foundation grounds for all
12	questions related to Exhibit 3, Atlas 3?
13	MR. STIO: Noted.
14	MR. LEE: Thanks.
15	Q. Did you provide any information on page
16	2 with regard to the small number of Covered
17	Persons, as defined in each of the complaints,
18	where assignments to Atlas postdated the filing of
19	the complaint?
20	A. I think this would get into privileged
21	discussions with counsel.
22	Q. I don't want the contents. I want to
23	know if you had those discussions.
24	A. Could you restate the question.
25	Q. Sure. Did you have discussions with



1	regard to the assignments to Atlas that were
2	obtained after a complaint was filed?
3	A. So you are asking me if we ever
4	discussed those type of assignment confirmations,
5	I think the answer would be yes, if I'm
6	understanding your question.
7	Q. Okay. And did you other than
8	counsel, did you have any of those discussions of
9	assignment confirmations after a complaint is
10	filed with any of the individuals, the assignors?
11	A. I don't believe so, no.
12	Q. Did Atlas produce in this case all
13	templates of the assignment confirmations that
14	were sent to the assignors?
15	MR. LEE: Can you repeat that. I'm
16	sorry.
17	MR. STIO: Sure.
18	Q. Did Atlas produce in this case the
19	templates that were used to send assignment
20	confirmations to the assignors?
21	A. We produced a template for each type of
22	assignment confirmation that would have been sent
23	to an assignor in one of these cases.
24	Q. You said "each type of assignment

confirmation." How many types are there?



A. I believe there is a single template
for a single template and it's extensible to
cover a phone number or a home address, but I
believe it's just a single template.

- Q. Was there any type of separate template that was used to send assignment confirmations to individuals where an assignment was executed after a complaint was filed?
 - A. I'm not aware of one, no.
- Q. Okay. And the template is a template when there is a phone number that's for non-disclosure or a template where there is a home address for non-disclosure, those are two templates that you were mentioning?
- A. I'm not sure if you would consider those separate templates if the variation is the piece or the type of data referenced, but I think yes.
 - Q. Thank you.

Are you able to identify, Atlas, who the individuals who received assignments that postdated the complaint are?

A. So you are asking me could we for each separate action identify within that action individuals who had an assignable claim but the



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1 assignment did not occur until after the action 2 was filed?

- O. Correct.
- A. Yes.

- Q. Can you explain how you would get that information?
- A. We are the ones sending assignment confirmations and our system understands the date on which a Daniel's Law takedown notice was delivered to a particular recipient and who had sent that notice, the covered person who had sent the notice for whom we delivered it, putting those pieces of information together we can understand individuals who would fall into the category that you are talking about.
- Q. Did you look at any documents that identified the volume of individuals who received an assignment confirmation after a complaint was filed?
- A. I didn't look at any specific documents to prepare for this deposition, but my understanding is that it is a small number of covered persons.
- Q. What's your definition of a small number?



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A. Less than 50 people across 142 cases
in aggregate. So not 50 people per case, but less
than 50 people across all of the 142 cases.

- Q. Atlas -- does Atlas have a relationship with the New Jersey State Police Benevolent Association?
 - A. We do.

- Q. Okay. Can you describe what that relationship is?
- A. They are a client of ours. We have a business relationship with them whereby they pay our -- they pay us a service fee and we provide access to the Atlas platform to their members.
- Q. How did the New Jersey State Police
 Benevolent Association become a client of Atlas?
- A. They expressed an interest in the type of services that we were providing and they invited us to come and chat with them and we did, and that ultimately led to a business relationship.
- Q. Did Atlas reach out to -- can I use the word "PBA" for --
- A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Did Atlas reach out to the PBA to have these discussions or was it the other way around?



1	A. I believe that I may have well, let
2	me back up. When we decided to explore Daniel's
3	Law, when we learned about Daniel's Law and
4	decided to explore providing services that would
5	be relevant to Daniel's Law, as is typical in my
6	business of going into a new field that you don't
7	know much about where you don't know anyone, I
8	made a number of cold calls, maybe a few dozen,
9	people I thought might be relevant to helping us.
10	Somehow in that process I got in touch with
11	somebody at the PBA. I don't recall who. That
12	conversation was fairly brief. It allowed me to
13	explain who we were, what we were hoping to do,
14	what our background was, and that was the end of
15	that chain of communication.
16	Q. Got it.
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like that, and it became common practice any time
we started an entity of this type to put it in

Delaware.

- Q. How many times have you incorporated an entity in Delaware?
 - A. What do you mean by "incorporated"?
- Q. I want to use the definition you said in your answer. You have incorporated numerous entities in Delaware. How many have you incorporated?
- So when I use that -- that term in that Α. way, this is similar to the definition of founder or co-founder. As I understand it, there are different ways in which one might, quote unquote, incorporate, so for instance, one could file incorporation paperwork directly with the Secretary of State, one could direct their lawyers to incorporate in a certain jurisdiction, one could be involved in discussions as part of a founding team to start a company that ended up being incorporated in Delaware. So using that definition of early-stage involvement where I had some input into where the jurisdiction or state of residence of the entity should be, I would say I have incorporated or participated in the



1	incorporation of probably twenty companies in
2	Delaware.
3	Q. Who made the determination of the
4	65 percent/35 percent net split outlined in
5	Atlas 4 under revenue share or recoveries under
6	the assignment confirmations?
7	MR. LEE: That's privileged.
8	A. I think that would get into what we
9	talked about before, which is discussions with
10	counsel.
11	MR. STIO: Okay. Are you instructing
12	him not to answer the question who made the
13	determination of the split?
14	MR. LEE: I am telling him not to
15	answer to the extent that it waives
16	privilege. He just answered that question.
17	MR. STIO: You can answer the question
18	then.
19	MR. LEE: He just did it.
20	A. It would take the answer to get into
21	any more specificity would take me into areas of
22	privilege.
23	Q. In Atlas 4 the paragraph above Recovery
24	Share on Recoveries Under Assignment
25	Confirmations, it's entitled Assignments - Actions



1	where Atlas or its affiliates are the plaintiff.
2	Do you see that, sir?
3	A. You are talking about I'm not sure
4	if this is a numerette, but where the where it
5	says (ii) in parentheses Assignments?
6	Q. Assignments - Actions where Atlas or
7	its affiliates are plaintiffs.
8	A. Yes, I see that.
9	Q. Okay. There is a provision here
10	one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight,
11	nine ten lines down where it says in part, if
12	you want to follow along with me: The Assignee
13	will have the exclusive right to bring such civil
14	enforcement actions anywhere in the world with
15	respect to takedown notices. Do you see that?
16	A. Am I allowed to mark this up? And, if
17	so, could you get a pen? It might make it a
18	little easier for me to follow along.
19	MR. LEE: Why don't you use my copy.
20	THE WITNESS: Okay.
21	MR. LEE: That's the official copy. I
22	will sit with you.
23	Q. Would it help if I pointed it out to
24	you?
25	A. Sorry, Mr. Stio. Yeah, you said the



1	counsel that we engaged may have provided feedback
2	on any documents of this type. More than that I
3	cannot say.
4	Q. Was Boies Schiller involved in
5	providing feedback on Atlas 4?
6	A. Again, I'm gonna just be I'm gonna
7	say what I said before, which is I'm not
8	comfortable getting into that, into those
9	discussions with our counsel.
10	MR. STIO: Are you instructing him not
11	to answer?
12	MR. LEE: He is answering your
13	question.
14	MR. STIO: He is not.
15	Q. Mr. Adkisson, I am not asking you for
16	any type of legal communications you had. Who,
17	what counsel, drafted Atlas 4?
18	A. I feel like I've answered that question
19	to the best of my ability.
20	Q. Okay. Can you repeat the answer then,
21	because I don't recall you answering it.
22	A. Any number of outside counsel could
23	have provided feedback on this document. To go
24	into the specifics of who, what, why, where and
25	when, I think, would be getting into areas of



1	privilege that I would be uncomfortable answering.
2	Q. I am not asking you what, why, where,
3	when, I am asking you who, and you still haven't
4	answered it. What are the names of the firms that
5	drafted Atlas 4?
6	MR. LEE: You can answer that specific
7	question if you recall. Just that narrow
8	question.
9	A. I don't recall.
10	Q. Are you aware of any named plaintiff in
11	any of the cases that are the subject of today's
12	deposition that has a counsel that's different
13	than the counsel representing Atlas?
14	A. Sorry. Would you repeat that one more
15	time.
16	Q. Sure. Is there any attorney of a named
17	plaintiff in the cases captioned in the Order as
18	Atlas 2 that is being represented by a counsel
19	different than a counsel that's representing
20	Atlas?
21	A. What do you mean by "represented by"?
22	Q. Have they engaged a lawyer to represent
23	them in the litigation other than Boies Schiller,
24	Morgan & Morgan or Genova Burns or PEM Law, that



you are aware of?

1	MR. LEE: The named plaintiffs?								
2	MR. STIO: Correct.								
3	A. So would any of the named plaintiffs								
4	so the named plaintiffs are two Jane Does, Edwin								
5	Maldanado, the Maloneys, Pat Colligan, Pete								
6	Andreyev, William Sullivan, have any of those								
7	individuals retained counsel other than the four								
8	firms you mentioned for the purposes of								
9	representing them in these actions, in these								
10	lawsuits?								
11	Q. Correct.								
12	A. Not to my knowledge, no.								
13	Q. Atlas prepared a spreadsheet showing								
14	the date when assignment confirmations were sent								
15	out that was produced in this case; correct?								
16	A. Yes.								
17	Q. And you prepared one for each of the								
18	data broker litigations or credit reporting								
19	agencies that they are involved in; correct?								
20	A. My understanding is that we produced an								
21	assignment confirmations list for each of the								
22	defendants in federal court.								
23	Q. Do you recall the date when the								
24	assignment confirmations were sent out to any of								
2.5	the covered people?								



1	A. There was no one particular date when								
2	assignment confirmations would have been sent to								
3	covered persons. It's a process that occurs over								
4	time on a rolling basis.								
5	Q. Is it an automated process?								
6	A. Parts of it are automated and parts of								
7	it are manual and require a human to be in the								
8	loop.								
9	Q. Do you know when the assignment								
10	confirmations began to be sent out?								
11	A. I believe it would have been in early								
12	February.								
13	Q. You said it was a multi-day process; is								
14	that correct?								
15	A. Well, if you ask when was when were								
16	assignment confirmations sent to covered persons,								
17	there is no one point in time when that occurs,								
18	because you are asking about a continual process								
19	that could occur any time that there are								
20	assignment confirmations that need to go out.								
21	MR. LEE: Are we done with this one,								
22	Angelo?								
23	MR. STIO: Not yet. Just hold it out								
24	there.								
25	(Atlas Exhibit 5,								



re-asking the question.

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1	as Atlas 5 has an inaccurate date for the date of
2	assignment confirmation. Is it your testimony
3	that you cannot answer that question?

- A. I feel like I did answer that question.
- I -- if you are asking if I have any reason to
 believe that the individuals who worked on this
 would not have produced information, I guess -sorry. Could you -- I just want to make sure I am
 clear and accurate in my answer. Would you mind
 - Q. Yes. The documents that Atlas produced that show a list of assignments and assignment confirmations for each individual action, is the information in those documents accurate?
 - A. I have no reason to believe that it is not accurate.
 - Q. Under the terms of service, which I believe is Atlas 4, if you could jump back to that, sir.
 - A. Okay. I'm on Atlas 4.
 - Q. If you can go to ATLAS underscore
 REMAND 00000003. Under Daniel's Law it covers
 former, active or retired judicial officers, law
 enforcement officers; correct?
 - A. Are you asking me about what's on this



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1	page or are you asking about my understanding of								
2	Daniel's Law, the statute?								
3	Q. Starting with your understanding of								
4	Daniel's Law, the statute.								
5	A. My understanding of Daniel's Law is								
6	that it creates a category of what it deems								
7	covered persons to whom it grants certain safety,								
8	security rights, privacy rights, and that that								
9	group includes former or active, it I think								
10	reverses those, so active or former judges,								
11	prosecutors and law enforcement officers and any								
12	immediate family member, and I believe that								
13	that's my understanding of the statute, that's								
14	right.								
15	Q. Atlas as an entity isn't a covered								
16	person under the Daniel's Law; correct?								
17	A. Atlas the corporate entity?								
18	Q. Yes.								
19	A. No, we would not be a covered person.								
20	Q. The terms of service in Atlas 4, are								
21	they available anyplace else other than on the								

MR. LEE: Objection. Vague.

A. Are they available anywhere other than on the website? Yes.



website for Atlas?

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Where are they available, sir?

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2	A. During the sign-up process individuals
3	have the option to download a copy of the terms of
4	service and we know that individuals have done
5	this.

- Q. How do you know that?
- A. I think we record the -- or either we or the clickwrap provider would record when that action is taken.
- Q. I want to go to the section on Atlas 4 under assignment confirmations.
 - A. Do you have a page number?
 - Q. I will get you that, sir. 000006.
 - A. Okay. I'm on page 6.
- Q. Can you walk me through the process of how the assignment confirmation is issued and then accepted by the assignors?
- A. Upon signing up with Atlas and being presented with this terms of service, a user would presumably I think in the cases you are asking about have accepted this terms of service. This terms of service makes a provision for Atlas to send that individual an assignment confirmation, which causes their claim to be assigned to Atlas or a designated affiliate. Sometime after



accepting this terms of service utilizing the
services an Atlas excuse me an assignment
confirmation could be sent to that individual,
which would cause their claim to be assigned.

- Q. Is there a clickwrap agreement or any type of agreement associated with the assignment confirmation?
- A. If by assignment confirmation you mean the notice that under the terms Atlas has to provide to the individual to effectuate the assignment, there is no clickwrap involved in that process, no.
- Q. Is there any other type of agreement involved in that process?
 - A. The terms of service here.
- Q. Okay. With regard to the terms of service, if there is a change in the terms of service, is there a clickwrap agreement with regard to acceptance of changes?
- A. My understanding is that the terms of service allows for updates that would be binding on the individuals who had previously agreed to the terms. There are instances where an individual might re-engage with a certain portion of the Atlas platform and they would be presented



1	with the updated terms of service and it would								
2	have a clickwrap included as part of that process.								
3	Q. If there is a change to the terms of								
4	service, is there any notice given to the								
5	assignors?								
6	A. So you are asking if there is a change								
7	to the terms of service, is there any notice that								
8	we provide to assignors, meaning covered persons								
9	whose claims have been assigned?								
10	Q. Or just any let's make it even								
11	easier. A user of the Daniel's Law services, if								
12	there is a change in the terms of service, is								
13	there a notice that goes out that there is a								
14	change?								
15	A. We would post the updated terms of								
16	service in all the relevant areas where it would								
17	need to be included in our platform.								
18	Q. Other than that, is there any type of								
19	notice?								
20	A. Not not a universal notice, which I								
21	think is what you are asking about, no.								
22	Q. And in terms of the clickwrap								
23	technology that you use for acceptance of the								
24	terms of service, has that clickwrap been in								

effect since Atlas was created or incorporated?

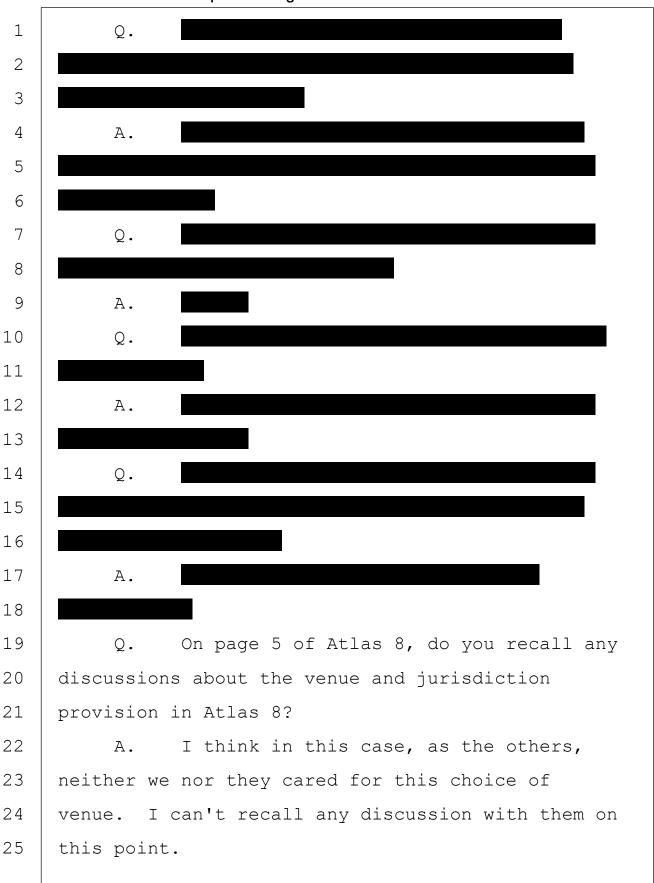


1	A. No.									
2	Q. When did it go into effect?									
3	A. I don't remember the specific date. My									
4	best recollection is sometime in late 2022 or									
5	maybe very early 2023.									
6	Q. Is there a document or record that									
7	would tell you when that went into effect?									
8	A. We have a contract with the vendor.									
9	I'm sure there is a date on that contract.									
LO	(Atlas Exhibit 6, Atlas Privacy Order									
L1	Form, Bates stamped ATLAS-REMAND_0000369									
L2	through ATLAS-REMAND_00000373, marked for									
L3	identification.)									
L 4	Q. I want to show you what's been marked									
L5	as Atlas 6.									
L 6	A. I see Atlas 6 here.									
L7	Q. Okay. It is a document with Bates									
L8	label ATLAS-REMAND 0000369 through 373. Do you									
L 9	see that, sir?									
20	A. I see the first page I have is 369 and									
21	the last page I have is 373.									
22	Q.									
23										
24	A.									
25	Q.									



1	Q. Did anyone at Atlas have discussions							
2	with them about choice of venue?							
3	A. Not to my knowledge.							
4	MR. LEE: We have gone an hour and							
5	fifteen.							
6	MR. STIO: I want to finish one more							
7	thing and then we can take a break.							
8	MR. LEE: Are you okay to go a little							
9	longer?							
LO	THE WITNESS: All good.							
L1	(Atlas Exhibit 8, Atlas Privacy Order							
L2	Form, Bates stamped ATLAS-REMAND_00000379							
L3	through ATLAS-REMAND_0000383, marked for							
L 4	identification.)							
L5	Q. I am going to show you what's been							
L6	marked as Atlas 8. Bates numbers are ATLAS-REMAND							
L7	underscore 0000379 through 383.							
L8	A. I have number 8. The first page is 379							
L9	and the last page is 383.							
20	Q. Do you know what Atlas 8 is?							
21	A. This looks to be an agreement with the							
22	New Jersey State PBA Local 105.							
23	Q. That's your signature on the bottom of							
24	page 1 of Atlas 8?							
25	A. Yes.							







1	Q. Do you know how the New York choice of							
2	venue got put in this agreement?							
3	A. I do not.							
4	Q. Do you know how many members of the							
5	Local 105 signed up for Atlas' services?							
6	A. Sorry. Just to finish my answer on the							
7	last question, given that we didn't particularly							
8	care about the choice of venue and neither did							
9	they, I imagine that New York County in this							
10	document was simply part of the template that							
11	became kind of the default that we would use, but							
12	I'm not really sure. Sorry. What was the last							
13	question you asked me?							
14	Q. How many members of Local 105 signed up							
15	for Atlas' services?							
16	A. I couldn't tell you.							
17	Q. Is it less than 4,100 as outlined in							
18	the agreement of how many you would make							
19	available?							
20	A.							
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1	more claims that were assigned; correct?								
2	A. We would not send an assignment								
3	confirmation to an individual who we did not								
4	believe had a claim that could be assigned.								
5	Q. And Atlas believes that it now has the								
6	right to bring all of those assigned claims in								
7	this litigation; correct?								
8	A. We filed the litigation. I'm not								
9	sure when you reference rights, legal rights								
LO	and terms like that, that's where I would say,								
L1	again, I'm a lay person, so I can't speak to all								
L2	the legal rights that Atlas may have. I would								
L3	defer to my counsel on that.								
L 4	Q. You are saying you don't know if you								
L5	have the right to bring the assigned claims in								
L6	this litigation?								
L7	MR. LEE: Objection. Mischaracterizes								
L8	testimony.								
L 9	A. That's not the way I understood your								
20	question. Do you mind repeating the previous								
21	question?								
22	Q. Do you believe that Atlas has the right								
23	to bring each of the claims that you say was								

assigned to Atlas by the covered persons?

If I'm understanding your question



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assigned	claims	under	Daniel	's Law	has	the	right
to go to	court a	and pro	osecute	those	clai	lms,	the
answer is	yes.						

- Q. And in fact, in the various lawsuits here, you are pursuing each one of those assigned claims; correct?
- A. No. There are assigned claims that are -- maybe I am misunderstanding your question. There are claims that have been assigned that are not part of these lawsuits.
- Q. But the claims in these lawsuits that have been assigned you are pursuing; correct?
- A. What do you mean by "in these lawsuits"?
- Q. The claims at issue in the lawsuits you have commenced to date, Atlas is pursuing all of them together; correct?
- A. I don't know what you mean by "together," and again, the reason I am trying to be very precise is that there are some edge cases, for instance, we talked earlier about there being a small number of individuals who were sent assignment confirmations after the filing date of a particular case and, you know, I think I had



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said fifty or less across the entire swath of
cases, so when you ask a question, I am trying to
be very precise, I am trying to understand what
the scope and bounds of your question are, which
is why I am taking my time to think through it.

Q. Okay.

- A. But --
- Q. Go ahead.
- A. Could you -- so with that as the preface, if you could reask the question, I'll --
 - Q. Just take my -- my case, one case.
- A. That's helpful if you ask me a question about a specific case.
- Q. Okay. Atlas purports to be the assignee of over 19,000 claims in my case; correct?
- A. I don't have your case in front of me, so I'm not sure if it's 19,000, but let's say in the ballpark, yes.
- Q. And in that case Atlas is pursuing each one of those assigned claims; correct?
- A. I'm not trying to be difficult. Again, when you say "pursuing each one of those assigned claims," we are taking action as Atlas with all of these claims having been assigned to us and we are



1	attempting to prosecute them all to achieve					
2	compliance and a just outcome for the folks					
3	involved.					
4	Q. Okay. If Atlas thinks that any one of					
5	the covered persons' claims should be aggregated					
6	and prosecuted under subsection (ii) and decides					
7	it wants to send an assignment confirmation for					
8	any of those covered persons, how does it					
9	determine which claims it wants to aggregate?					
10	A. I'm sorry. Could you ask that question					
11	again.					
12	MR. CHEIFETZ: Read it back, please.					
13	(Record read.)					
14	A. As I understand your question, you are					
15	asking the same question that was already					
16	substantively answered, which is how do we decide					
17	who to					
18	Q. Let me rephrase.					
19	A send assignment confirmations to?					
20	Q. Different question, so let me make it					
21	clear.					
22	Why were you had 19,000 some-odd					
23	assignment confirmations that went out shortly					
24	before these lawsuits; correct?					
25	A. No, I'm not sure that's correct. I					



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Q. -- lawsuits, has Atlas received any

covered person, assignor, inquiring about pursuing these claims as a class action as opposed to as a grouping of up to 19,000 assignments?

A. So if I am understanding your question,

can -- whether a class action may have something to do with these claims. I can't recall any instances of that, no.

Q. Okay. I want to switch subjects a little bit, ask you just a couple of questions about the split of fees. I know you have got some questions about that earlier, but the terms of use and the split of fees of 65 percent/35 percent. Well, okay. Just to close the loop on that, I

E-mails or other types of communications related to any of these covered persons, assignors, asking about class actions as opposed to the mass grouping of up to 19,000 claims?

A. Again, this is not part of the scope that I prepared for, but I cannot think of any



asked about phone calls.

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- Q. All right. So on the split of fees, 65 percent to the covered person, 35 percent to Atlas, you mentioned earlier that the split of fees is privileged litigation strategy. Did I hear that correctly?
- A. Well, some language laying out some of what you are talking about is publicly included in the terms of service, which is a document that is not privileged.
- Q. Why did Atlas choose to let the covered persons keep 65 percent?
- MR. LEE: Asked and answered. Object to form.
 - A. Again, any -- any discussions around the -- around those types of terms I would view as part of litigation strategy and it would fall into that privileged area.
 - Q. Was that percentage, 65 percent, negotiated with any of the covered persons?
 - A. I'm not sure what you mean by "negotiated." When a covered person chose to sign up with our platform, they went through that sign-up flow that I talked about earlier, and they had an opportunity to review and then agree or not



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agree to the terms of service, and in the process of that review they could have made a choice based on what they saw to agree or not agree. I don't know if you would consider that a negotiation or if that's part of what you mean by your question, but...

- Q. Was there any -- there was no conversation where a covered person said I want 72 percent and Atlas said well, we are only giving you 65 percent, the covered persons either have to accept the 65 percent and agree to the terms or not use Atlas' platform; correct?
- A. Well, the only way to get access to the Atlas platform -- maybe it's worth stating. The Atlas platform will provide a different experience to someone who is a covered person versus somebody who is not a covered person. So, for example, we have law enforcement officers outside of New Jersey that we help and have tried to help for a long time. We have --
- Q. And I don't mean to interrupt, but I am just asking about covered persons.

MR. LEE: You can finish what you were saying. He does mean to interrupt.

A. It's responsive to your question. Bear



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3	STATE OF NEW YORK)					
4) ss.:					
5	COUNTY OF NASSAU)					
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7	I, KRISTIN KOCH, a Notary Public					
8	within and for the State of New York, do					
9	hereby certify:					
10	That MATTHEW WILLIAM ADKISSON, the					
11	witness whose deposition is hereinbefore					
12	set forth, was duly sworn by me and that					
13	such deposition is a true record of the					
14	testimony given by such witness.					
15	I further certify that I am not					
16	related to any of the parties to this					
17	action by blood or marriage; and that I am					
18	in no way interested in the outcome of this					
19	matter.					
20	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto					
21	set my hand this 5th day of August, 2024.					
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25	KRISTIN KOCH, RPR, RMR, CRR					

